

REMARKS

The claims are 91 - 115. These claims were subject to a restriction requirement in the parent application. Claim 91 is based on original claim 33, and is now in independent form. Various other amendments have been made in some of the claims. However, these changes do not impact the restriction requirement in any way. The Amendment to the Specification reflects amendments made during the prosecution of the parent application.

Torsten B. Helting, one of the applicants, holds by assignment the rights of three of the other inventors, viz, Suzanne Zebedee, Marc S. Nasoff and Michael F. Nunn. The New York Blood Center is the assignee of the rights of the remaining inventors, viz, Alfred M. Prince and Genevieve Inchauspe. All of the relevant assignment documents have previously been submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark office for recordation.

Attached hereto is a paper copy of the Sequence Listing that is identical to the computer readable form of the parent application from which the instant application is a divisional. Also attached is a Statement To Request Transfer Of Sequences regarding said Sequence Listing. Please note that the Correspondence Address in the Sequence Listing attached hereto is that of the prior attorney. The undersigned is the attorney of record. According to Supervisory Patent Examiner Low, we are allowed to use the attached

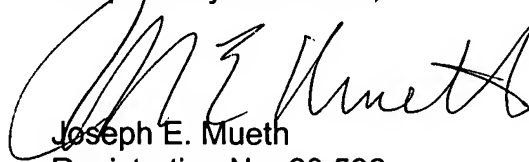
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Applicant also submits herewith a Power of Attorney on file in the parent case. All correspondence should be directed as follows:

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